

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1.       A program storage device readable by a computer, the program storage  
2       device tangibly embodying one or more programs of instructions executable by the  
3       computer to perform operations for controlling how data is presented in a tabular display,  
4       the operations comprising:  
5           presenting a display to a user;  
6           providing a view configuration widget on the display; and  
7           presenting a view configuration according to a setting of the view configuration  
8       widget.

1           2.       The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the providing a view  
2       configuration widget comprises presenting a graphic user interface having a selector for  
3       setting a view configuration.

1           3.       The program storage device of claim 2, wherein the presenting a graphic  
2       user interface having a selector further comprises providing 2-by-2 matrix of buttons,  
3       wherein selection of a first of the buttons causing a subset of columns and a subset of  
4       rows of a table to be displayed, selection of a second of the buttons causing all columns  
5       and a subset of rows of the table to be displayed, selection of a third of the buttons  
6       causing a subset of columns and all rows of the table to be displayed and selection of a  
7       fourth of the buttons causing all columns and all rows of the table to be displayed.

1           4.       The program storage device of claim 1, wherein the providing a view  
2 configuration widget comprises providing a drop-down menu, the drop-down menu  
3 having items selectable by a user for setting a view configuration.

1           5.       The program storage device of claim 4, wherein the providing a drop-  
2 down menu further comprises providing a menu of row selections and a menu of column  
3 selections.

1           6.       The program storage device of claim 5, wherein the providing a menu of  
2 row selections further comprises providing a selection for displaying all of the rows.

1           7.       The program storage device of claim 5, wherein the providing a menu of  
2 row selections further comprises providing a selection for displaying a predetermined  
3 configuration of rows.

1           8.       The program storage device of claim 5, wherein the providing a menu of  
2 row selections further comprises providing a selection for displaying data relative to a  
3 predetermined time.

1           9.       The program storage device of claim 5, wherein the providing a menu of  
2 column selections further comprises providing a selection for displaying all of the  
3 columns.

1           10.     The program storage device of claim 5, wherein the providing a menu of  
2     column selections further comprises providing a selection for displaying only  
3     predetermined primary columns.

1           11.     The program storage device of claim 5, wherein the providing a menu of  
2     column selections further comprises providing a custom selection for presenting  
3     predetermined columns.

1           12.     A device providing for control of how data is presented in a display  
2     comprising:  
3             a memory for storing data for display; and  
4             a processor, coupled to the memory, the processor being configured for presenting  
5     a view configuration widget for display and presenting a view configuration according to  
6     a setting of the view configuration widget.

1           13.     The device of claim 12, wherein the processor is configured to present a  
2     graphic user interface having a selector for setting a view configuration.

1           14.     The device of claim 13, wherein the processor is configured to present a  
2     graphic user interface having a selector by providing 2-by-2 matrix of buttons, wherein  
3     selection of a first of the buttons causing a subset of columns and a subset of rows of a  
4     table to be displayed, selection of a second of the buttons causing all columns and a  
5     subset of rows of the table to be displayed, selection of a third of the buttons causing a  
6     subset of columns and all rows of the table to be displayed and selection of a fourth of the  
7     buttons causing all columns and all rows of the table to be displayed.

1           15.     The device of claim 12, wherein the processor is configured to provide a  
2     view configuration widget by providing a drop-down menu, the drop-down menu having  
3     items selectable by a user for setting a view configuration.

1           16.     The device of claim 15, wherein the processor is configured to provide a  
2     menu of row selections and a menu of column selections.

1           17.     The device of claim 16, wherein the processor is configured to provide a  
2     selection for displaying all of the rows.

1           18.     The device of claim 16, wherein the processor is configured to provide a  
2     selection for displaying a predetermined configuration of rows.

1           19.     The device of claim 16, wherein the processor is configured to provide a  
2     selection for displaying data relative to a predetermined time.

1           20.     The device of claim 16, wherein the processor is configured to provide a  
2     selection for displaying all of the columns.

1           21.     The device of claim 16, wherein the processor is configured to provide a  
2     selection for displaying only predetermined primary columns.

1           22.     The device of claim 16, wherein the processor is configured to provide a  
2     custom selection for presenting predetermined columns.

1           23.     A device providing for control of how data is presented in a display,  
2     comprising:  
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4           means for storing data for display; and  
5           means, coupled to the means for storing, for providing means for selecting a view  
6     configuration and for presenting a view configuration according to a setting of the means  
7     for selecting a view configuration.

1           24.     A method for controlling how data is presented in a tabular display,  
2     comprising:  
3           presenting a display to a user;  
4           providing a view configuration widget on the display; and  
5           presenting a view configuration according to a setting of the view configuration  
6     widget.

1           25.     A graphical user interface for controlling how data is presented in a tabular  
2     display, comprising a view configuration widget presented on a display device, the view  
3     configuration widget setting a configuration for viewing information on the display.

1           26.     The graphical user interface of claim 25, wherein the view configuration  
2     widget includes a selector for setting a view configuration.

1           27.     The graphical user interface of claim 26, wherein the selector comprises a  
2     2-by-2 matrix of buttons.

1           28.     The graphical user interface of claim 25, wherein the view configuration  
2     widget includes a drop-down menu, the drop-down menu having items selectable by a  
3     user for setting a view configuration.

1           29.     The graphical user interface of claim 28, wherein the view configuration  
2     widget includes a menu of row selections and a menu of column selections.